

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
April 2nd, 2012 at 7p.m.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

Board Members present: John Stantz, Dean Bruce, and Cynthia Hyde

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Town Attorney Richard Lorenz, Sewage Dept. Supt. Shelley Edwards, Asst. Street Dept. Supt., Roger Freeman

MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR January 17th 2012 REGULAR MEETING

Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Dean Bruce and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

Gary Baxter spoke to the Council regarding the problem with stray cats around town. The Council discussed various options available to the individual for controlling this problem, but said the Town itself could not issue citations since they did not know who the owners were.

Joseph Brosnan requested approval for event registration for June, 2nd, 2012. His event will be held in front of 75 E. Franklin Street, and it is to offer an alternative to the Spencer Pride Event being held on the courthouse lawn. He plans on offering free water and pass out bible tracts to whomever requests it.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the request for the event as proposed. It was seconded by Dean Bruce, and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Richard Lorenz presented Resolution 2012-1, which states The Town of Spencer will donate a surplus 2007 Charger to Clark County to replace one of their vehicles damaged as a result of the tornadoes. In a prior meeting, the Board agreed to donate the vehicle, and signed the resolution as presented.

There was no other business.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish spoke to the Town Board about his department's work in repairing shelters in Cooper Commons, and upgrading equipment, and do landscaping in the play ground. Larry estimated the improvements to the shelters would cost about \$2,000, and the equipment and other improvements would run about \$700. He also said he would meet with the Parks & Recs Board on Saturday and will get approval for the improvements to the shelters.

Jon Stantz asked Larry Parrish about the trees on the corner of Jefferson and Sycamore. Larry suggested that two of the trees be removed, and the board agreed. Larry Parrish asked if he needed the Board's permission each time a tree needed to be removed. He was told that the decision should be his, unless there is some conflict that needs to be resolved.

Cynthia Hyde next discussed Arbor Day. She said the Parks Board ordered 200 trees. Discussion about a form being made available so that people could request the trees followed. Cynthia suggested something be put in the paper so individuals can request them. Making a donation for these trees will be optional. According to Cynthia, Arbor Day festivities will be April 28th from 10a.m. to 1p.m.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

Shelley Edwards discussed his work with the air valves. He said the cost to replace each valve is \$1,066 and they are approximately four years old now. Shelley requested permission to replace two valves at this time.

Jon Stantz made a motion to allow Shelley to purchase the two valves. The motion was seconded by Dean Bruce, and passed 3-0.

Shelly requested permission to attend the Southern Expo sponsored by Alliance on May 17th, 2012 for a cost of \$50 for 5 credits.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer, reported that she has a letter of intent to purchase the Equipment truck (2001 KW American Fire Rescue), that Jon Wallace and Bill Snodgrass looked at. The purchase price is \$105,000, with a \$5,000 down payment made at the time they looked at it. The balance due of \$100,000 will be due at the time of delivery.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz reported that the Olympia sign on Franklin has been moved. He requested an Executive meeting to discuss personnel and other legal matters to be set for Tuesday, April 10th, at 6p.m. at his offices.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

IHCDA, Hazard Mitigation claim number 2 in the amount of \$12,900 was presented to the Board for approval.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve claim #2 for the IHCDA Hazard Mitigation. It was seconded by Dean Bruce and passed 3-0.

Cheryl Moke updated the Board on the progress toward setting up a computer network for the town of Spencer. She stated that P.C. Max would be there on Wednesday to look at the setup and prepare a proposal.

Cheryl Moke asked Dean Bruce if he would like some help in updating the website. Dean said he did not have the time to keep it up at the moment, and would welcome any suggestions. He said he would write some notes on how to do this, so Cheryl can upload the minutes for distribution.

Michael Stanley, with the Evening World, made an announcement that The Cook Group has agreed to take over the financial responsibility for the Tivoli restoration.

Cynthia Hyde said that she would like to pursue the planning grant for the Downtown Revitalization. She will print it out again, and see what has to be done.

Denise Shaw reported that the 43 Corridor (Project Centerpiece) is moving along and they have unanimously chosen Spencer for their location. She also said that the EDA Grant was kicked back and would not be considered this round. She stated that every single application had been kicked back and their group was working “feverishly” to complete this and submit as quickly as possible.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Cynthia received copies of the preliminary flood maps. It was suggested that it be reviewed by everyone for accuracy, make available to others, and report back to Mike Purdy with any comments. Richard Lorenz suggested it be mounted on the wall, and have the Planning Commission review at their next meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the claims as presented. The motion was seconded by Dean Bruce, and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Jon Stantz motioned to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. seconded by Cynthia Hyde and the motion passed 3-0.

Cynthia Hyde, President

Jon Stantz, Vice-President

Dean Bruce, Board Member

Attest:_____
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer